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SUBJECT: TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TURKEY

### SUMMARY

ALL TURKISH MEDIA TODAY (JANUARY 21) FRONTPAGED SECSTATE'S ARRIVAL  
IN ANKARA. THEY CARRIED FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF INITIAL EXCHANGES OF  
PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HEADLINES CREATE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE FOR  
VISIT, ONLY SLIGHTLY MARRED BY SHORT PRESS REPORTS OF (U.S.)  
FLAG-BURNING BY SOME STUDENTS IN DOWNTOWN ANKARA. NO EDITORIAL  
COMMENT TODAY. END SUMMARY

ALL MAJOR PAPERS GAVE XTENSIVE, FACTUAL COVERAGE TO  
SECSTATE'S ARRIVAL, HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, ANSWERS TO  
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TWO QUESTIONS, (ANKARA 550) AS WELL AS STATEMENTS MADE BY HOST  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. TELEVISION AND RADIO CARRIED STORY ON  
MAJOR EVENING NEWSCASTS JANUARY 20.

ALL PAPERS REPORT SECSTATE CONVEYED TO PRIME MINISTER  
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER.

PRESS COVERAGE CONTINUES WITH ECEVIT AND VANCE  
REMARKS AT WORKING DINNER. ECEVIT IS QUOTED, "I BELIEVE  
VANCE, AN EXPERIENCED STATESMAN AND POLITICIAN, WILL CONTRIBUTE  
TO OUR EMERGING FROM THE TEMPORARY STANDSTILL IN OUR RELATIONS."  
SECSTATE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE HAVE LEFT BEHIND THE DIFFICULT  
DAYS. IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO  
IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS."

TWO PAPERS, MASS APPEAL HURRIYET AND SENSATIONAL GUNAYDIN  
SPECULATE THAT U.S. ARMS EMBARGO  
WILL BE LIFTED IN COMING MONTHS. HURRIYET DRAWS THIS CONCLUSION  
FROM SECSTATE'S STATEMENT PRIOR TO WORKING DINNER, WHILE GUNAYDIN  
ATTRIBUTES IT TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES. OTHER PAPERS DO NOT REPEAT  
NOT FOLLOW THIS LINE OF REPORTING.

FOLLOWING HEADLINES REFLECT TENOR OF REPORTING:

HURRIYET: "VANCE, - I AM HOPING THAT EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED SOON."

GUNAYDIN: "EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED IN MARCH."

CONSERVATIVE, TERCUMAN: "MARATHON IN FOREIGN POLICY CONTINUES."

LIBERAL, MILLIYET: "VANCE- WE WILL IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS."

LEFTIST, CUMHURİYET: "VANCE- I WILL DO MY BEST TO IMPROVE OUR  
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RELATIONS."

ALL PAPERS CARRIED SHORT NEWS ITEM REPORTING THAT A GROUP  
OF STUDENTS IN ANKARA PROTESTED SECSTATE'S VISITBY SHOUTING  
ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS AND BURNING A U.S. FLAG. INCIDENT  
TOOK PLACE AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM SITE WHERE  
SECSTATE WAS VISITING.

BBC-LIKE TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) JANUARY 20  
ALSO CARRIED FOLLOWING INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER:

Q. WHAT QUESTIONS WILL YOU DISCUSS AT THE WORKING DINNER AND  
IN OTHER TALKS TO BE HELD AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL?

ECEVIT: U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN RECENT  
YEARS. THIS DAMAGE HAS CREATED AN ISSUE, NOT ONLY IN TURKEY  
BUT IN THE WORLD. TURKEY HAS FULFILLED HER RESPONSIBILITIES  
TO THE ALLIANCE OF WHICH SHE IS A MEMBER. FOR MANY YEARS SHE  
HAS CARRIED A HEAVY BURDEN WHICH HER ECONOMY COULD HARDLY AFFORD.  
BUT DESPIE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS, THE ATTITUDE OF MANY MEMBERS OF  
THE ALLIANCE HAVE NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TOTURKEY. WE HOPE THE U.S.  
WILL FOLLOW A CONSTRUCTIVE STAND TO SETTLE THESE UNPLEASANT

POINTS AND ISSUES. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH VANCE NOT ONLY BILATERAL RELATIONS, BUT MANY OTHER WORLD ISSUES. MANY OF HER ALLIES LOOK AT TURKEY FROM A MILITARY ANGLE. TURKEY IS THE ONLY NATION WHICH, SINCE WORLD WAR II, HAS MADE A FREE DEMOCRACY A LIVING REALITY. SHE HAS DONE SO DESPITE MANY DIFFICULTIES AND DURING HER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THIS SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS, FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY AND FOR THOSE WHO LONG FOR IT. FOR THIS REASON, OUR FRIENDS AND THOSE NATIONS WHICH SHOW A CONCERN FOR TURKEY SHOULD NOT REGARD THIS NATION JUST FOR HER POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SECURITY AND HER GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION, BUT ALSO FOR THE IMPORTANCE WHICH TURKEY GIVES TO HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

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Q. DO YOU EXPECT NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES IN U.S. TURKISH RELATIONS?

ECEVIT: U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE ON A BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE. BUT THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY A ONE-SIDED (TURKEY) EFFORT. I BELIEVE THAT OUR TALKS WITH MR. VANCE WILL LEAD TO A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON THIS SUBJECT.

EXERPTS OF INTERVIEW ALSO PRINTED IN CONSERVATIVE DAILY, TERCUMAN.  
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